

This message is in response to the pressure XM Radio is receiving on it's direction of providing "local" versus "national" satellite services to it's customers.

I would hope the FCC would consider the advances in technology that are now available to the public and not restrict the capability for us to receive that much-needed service that is not available in the land-based radio broadcast service.

I would ask the commissioners at the FCC to seriously consider the needs of the public using this type of technology.

Under the FCC's strategic competitive goals for 2003-2008 you list "Support the Nation's economy by ensuring that there is a comprehensive and sound competitive framework for communications services. Such a framework should foster innovation and offer consumers meaningful choice in services. Such a pro-competitive framework should be promoted domestically and overseas."

I believe that this statement alone promotes and supports the needs of the people of the United States.

I also believe that users of this specific satellite service transcends far beyond that of the early and present broadcast radio services providing necessary communications in a highly-mobile society inclusive of emergency communications where no other radio reception is available.

Furthermore, I hope that future development of this type of service with capabilities benefiting domestic and international consumers is not held back due to decisions that may be made in the short term by the FCC or any other controlling body.

Respectfully submitted,
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